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Concl after use, positioning the carrier in the second site.

✓ Cancel claim 41.

REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Official Action dated October 11, 2002. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claim 41 has been cancelled. Claims 1-11, 28, 39-40 are pending. Reconsideration of the above identified application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Based on discussions with the Examiner in a telephone interview on January 9, 2003, the independent claims 1 and 2 have been amended to improve clarity of the claim language including the language with respect to the code on the sites and carrier corresponding to the substance as disclosed in the original specification. No new matter is introduced with this amendment.

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

January 13, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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For: CODING OF SYRINGES TO MONITOR THEIR USE

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Hon. Commissioner of
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Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A method of monitoring [substance] administration of a substance,
including the steps of

establishing first and second predetermined coded substance sites for a
predetermined coded substance carrier, wherein the code for the sites and carrier
corresponds to the substance,

placing [said] the carrier in an at least partially loaded condition prior to use in
[said] the first site,

placing the carrier in the second site [and] after use and in an at least partially discharged condition [()relative to [said] the at least partially loaded condition() in said second site] and

maintaining [said] the carrier in [said] the second site for a predetermined period of time.

2. A method of monitoring [substance] administration of a substance including the steps of

forming a support device having a first predetermined coded substance site for a predetermined coded loaded substance carrier, wherein the code for the site and carrier corresponds to the substance,

forming a second predetermined coded site for [such] the carrier,

taking [said] the carrier from [said] the first predetermined site for use and,

after use, positioning [said] the carrier in the second site.